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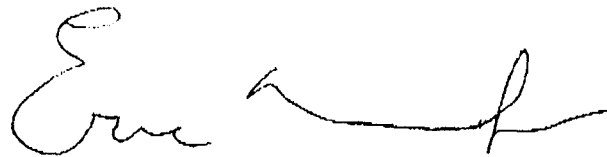
RE: Settlement of U.S. v. Microsoft

As the owner of a private business I know how fierce competition can be out in the open market. And I do appreciate the government's role in protecting consumers against monopolistic activities. However, this case has gone on long enough and I am hopeful that the proposed settlement will be approved.

It is important to my business that our economy begin to turn around and I think the technology sector is important to the rebound. A final settlement in this case will provide that boost and protect consumers at the same time. I am hopeful that the settlement is approved soon.

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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